

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed August 11, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

Claims 1-13, 14-26, 27-39, and 40-43 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,236,971 ("Stefik"). Claim 44 stands rejected as being obvious in light of Stefik. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 14, 27 and 40 have been amended to recite that the object is an "invokable software object." As described at page 10, line 19-page 11, line 7, a software objects encapsulate data and logical processes. The software object is invokable because the logical processes can run such that the software object represents an actor in the system. Applicant submits that there is no teaching or suggestion in Stefik that the digital works of Stefik should include processes such that the digital works are invokable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Stefik neither anticipates nor renders obvious the amended claims.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include an acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-44.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0456 of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, LLP.

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